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During past week both Progressives and EDA launched their electoral campaigns. Markezinis kicked off his tour with talks in Piraeus before crowd estimated at around 20,000. He eschewed personal attacks which have characterized campaigns of other party leaders and concentrated instead on social and economic problems attendant upon Greece's entry into Common Market. EDA stated its campaign with Passalidis speech in Thessaloniki October 20 before crowd estimated at 15,000 (Thessaloniki 476, October 22). Passalidis speech followed expected EDA line, with attacks on Caramanlis for continuation cold war.

Campaign appears to be progressing in orderly fashion with no violence other than disorders October 17 at opening EDA electoral center Athens. (Embassy 610). Word-war is getting hotter, with ERE and CU exchanging acrimonious statements, particularly through press.

Caramanlis, after completion of tour of Peloponese, now touring Epirus and Corfu. In recent speeches he has struck back at CU charges he planning establish dictatorship if reelected, and in Kalamata speech asked "Since we can rule country with will of people why should we need to set up dictatorship?" Nevertheless, CU press continues to hammer away on theme of alleged dictatorial tendencies Caramanlis. Papandreou, after being out of action two days with a cold, to resume campaign today with

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today with tour Pelponese, where Markezinis also campaigning.

Mavromichalis service government continuing take new measures to ensure election. Most recent include (1) ban on hunting [illegible] November 1-4; (2) assurance that free circulation all political leaflets permitted; (3) prohibition on initiating any new projects in provinces for remainder of electoral period or making any investigations related such projects.

On October 21 Under Secretary of Interior Panayiotopoulos announced he "suspending" gendarmerie chief Vardoulakis for four months for withdrawing security file Caramanlis private secretary Kondas who had been under attack by former Progressive (now CU) deputy Vassilatos (Embassy telegram - 554). In announcing suspension, Panayiotopoulos stated he considered Vardoulakis failure to return file as "most serious." Vardoulakis planning appeal.

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